

**GREATER WYOMING COMMUNITY RESOURCE ALLIANCE**

**Minutes of the July 24, 2012 Meeting**

9:00 AM

City of Wyoming

**City Manager's Conference Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**I      ROLL CALL**

Present:      Jim Carmody, Jack Sluiter, Tim Smith, Paul Wegener, Rebecca Rynbrandt, Megan Sall, John Armendarez, Curtis Holt

Absent:      Jeff Koeze, Kent VanderWood

**II      PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

A.      April 24, 2012

Motion by Holt, seconded by Armendarez to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

B.      May 22, 2012

Motion by Sluiter, supported by Holt to receive the meeting notes of May 22, 2012. Motion carried.

**III      FINANCIAL REPORT**

A.      Tim Smith distributed the financial report through June 30, 2012 and also through July 23, 2012 (new fiscal year). We ended the year with a net \$6,903.70 and we currently have a fund balance of \$28,671.18 in unrestricted funds. Smith also reviewed balances of the restricted funds. Motion by Sall, seconded by Holt to accept the financial report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV      OLD BUSINESS**

A.      Review of rating and scoring sheet process for next year's grant deliberations (Hand-out).

Carmody referenced the email received from Koeze per this work. Koeze & VanderWood will present recommendations at the next meeting.

**VI      NEW BUSINESS**

A.      New Board member announcement

Carmody announced that Connie Bellows will be joining the Board subject to final City Council approval. She is formerly of Delta Strategies and is now a private consultant regarding community organizing, and Human Resource related issues. She is a citizen of Wyoming. Carmody affirmed that she is very engaged in the community.

B. 2012-2013 Budget preparation

Carmody opened discussion on the FY 2013 budget. Smith distributed a recommended budget. Discussion occurred regarding a special fundraising event has been difficult to get off the ground due to schedules and time commitments. Carmody shared information regarding a meeting he had with a Godfrey Lee psychologist and an emerging program that may need funding. The Board felt via consensus that if we come up with a special event fundraiser then amend the budget at that time. Holt with support from Armendarez presented some recommendations which continue to focus dollars returning to community initiatives. Rynbrandt shared the status of scholarships. Last year over the same period (month of July) approximately \$70 was awarded to 3 scholarships, this year we are already at 10 scholarships (through July 18) and almost \$300.

The board recommended expense of:

\$2,500 Scholarships  
10,000 Community Initiatives (grants)  
1000 Public Safety  
1,000 Fundraising Supplies  
500 Other Services  
500 Miscellaneous

C. GWCRA brochure update.

Copies of the brochure were distributed for review and comment. Members should direct their comments to Rynbrandt by the August meeting.

D. Scholarship Update

Rynbrandt affirmed the year ended with the Alliance having awarded 72 scholarships valued at \$1,197.13. Year-to-Date we are at 10 awarded at a value of \$268.75.

VII ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Budget Approval

A motion was made by Armendarez, seconded by Holt to approve the 2012-2013 budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

VII     ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Sall shared that her schedule will require her to miss the next two meetings. Wegener shared that the Giving Committee at Mercantile Bank has small business community grants around education, awards to be around \$1,000. Applications shall be reviewed and awarded in the fourth quarter. Education/seminar/staff development is focus. Generally funds or on a first come, first serve bases. Holt suggested that an update on the Alliance be given to the City Council in the fall.

VIII    PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX      CLOSE – NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 9:00 AM, in the City Manager's Conference Room, Wyoming City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Rynbrandt  
Secretary  
Board of Directors